information education and communication(IEC) and awareness building among adolescents and sensitization for the AIDS Vaccine Initative.

Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections and prevention of occupational exposure.

Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including interventions and public-private partnerships.

Build technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical resource groups, operational research and Programme Management.

In order to increase awareness among the general population in order to motivate behaviour change, the State AIDS Control Societies are implementing various IEC activities under the programme. National AIDS Control Organisation is utilizing the services of the different units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Prasar Bharati (DOORDARSHAN & AAKASHVANI) for dissemination of messages. Services of Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity. Song and Drama Division and Press Information Bureau are being used for outreach activities using print, electronic and outdoor media, in various parts of the country.

For sensitization of children and young people, School AIDS Education Programme, the UniversitiesTalk AIDS and VillageTalk AIDS Programmes are being implemented in collaboration with Ministry ofYouth Affairs and Sports.

The programme has an inbuilt monitoring and evaluation component, which tracks the implementation of various components of the programme and also ensures evidence based programming.

Safe Motherhood

546. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes and schemes with revenue Implications, both existing and proposed, designed to make motherhood safe;

(b) whether it is a fact that notwithstanding these programmes and schemes there is a high mortality rate among the pregnant women;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the details of the proposals, if any, aimed at making motherhood safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The programmes and schemes designed for making motherhood safe are being implemented as an integral component of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme. Under this programme, interventions for reducing infant and maternal mortality and morbility are being implemented in all districts of the country. The interventions for reducing maternal mortality and improving safe motherhood include essential obstetric care; emergency obstetric care; provision of referral transport through Panchayats and provision of drugs and equipment at first referral units; provision of contractual staff like additional Auxiliary Mid-wives; staff nurses, doctors and anesthetists. Funds and also being provided for schemes to improve outreach of services like 24 hours delivery services at selected primary health centres and community health centres; training of Dais in 156 district and holding of Reproductive and child Health camps; in 178 districts and RCH Outreach Scheme in 151 districts with adverse health indicators.

The programmes and interventions listed above will continue and new interventions included as per the needs of the programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan.The outlays for RCH Programme during the Ninth Five-year Plan and the proposed outlay for the Tenth Five-year Plan are Rs.5150 crores and Rs.8000 crores respectively.

According to estimates available from the Registrar General of India, maternal mortality rate for India was 408 in 1997 and 407 in 1998. Data for subsequent years is not available.

Mechanism for redressal of grievances under PNDT Act

547. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism for redressal of grievances under the Pre-Natal DiagnosticTechniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994;